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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Cedric Banks, Chairperson Towing Committee

**DATE:** June 25, 2025

**RE:** Towing Committee Meeting Memo

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners Towing Committee, please see the key updates from the committee meeting held on June 25, 2025

**Board Attendees:** Committee Chairperson Cedric Banks, Commissioner (Board Chair) Darryl Woods, Commissioner (Board Vice-Chair) Tamara Liberty-Smith, Board Secretary – Lydia Garnier

Community/Committee Attendees: Laura Goodspeed (Detroit Auditor General – Chair of Towing Rate Commission), Jason Evans (Michigan Attorney General's Office – Consumer Protection Division), Captain Jason Adams (DPD), Police Community Relations Coordinator – Teresa Blossom, Administrative Assistant – Candace Hayes

- **A.** Who Controls Towing Fees in Detroit?: Auditor General & Towing Rate Commission Chairperson Laura Goodspeed provided an overview of the Tow Rate Commissions role in towing fees in the City of Detroit. Presentation included the organizational structure of the tow rate commission, duties of the commission and how towing fees are assessed and implemented. Additionally, police authorized tows and non-police authorized tows were covered extensively.
- **B.** How to Complain About Excessive Towing Bills: Jason Evans from the Consumer Protection Division of Michigans Attorney General's Office provided an overview of Michigan's towing laws, how to retrieve a vehicle that has been towed and how to report unlawful towing or unreasonable fees.

Commissioners, please find in your binders under FYI both presentations from yesterday's committee meeting.

The next Towing Committee meeting will be Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 4PM.

Sincerely,

Cedric Banks
Commissioner, District 3
Chairperson, BOPC Towing Committee